

TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 99-08

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PREPARE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF PACIFIC ARTS ("FESTPAC") AND DESIGNATING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO COORDINATE GUAM'S PARTICIPATION.

WHEREAS, the indigenous cultures of the South Pacific: Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia, and the continent of Australia, along with the islands of the Torres Strait, have come together over twenty-five years in the celebration of the Festival of Pacific Arts; and

WHEREAS, as a demonstration of the continuing vitality and distinction of the Chamorro traditions, the people of the territory of Guam have participated in the past festivals, displaying their heritage in traditional art forms of dance, song, music, displays of craft and other visual presentations; and

WHEREAS, the exhibition or portrayal of Guam's artisans in previous Festivals of Pacific Arts has promoted Guam's culture among participating countries and instilled an increased pride of Chamorro culture; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event, which is recognized internationally, is celebrated every fourth year in a different host island; and

WHEREAS, in order to organize a comprehensive display of Guam's visual and performing arts and crafts at the forthcoming Festivals of Pacific Arts, and in view of the aims and focus of our efforts towards cultural preservation, honoring the customs of the Chamorro and promoting the proud Chamorro heritage, there exists the need to establish the task force which will plan and coordinate Guam's participation at the festival;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

- 1. A Task Force for the Festival of Pacific Arts is created, and members shall be chosen by the Governor.
- 2. The Governor or his designee is the Chairperson of the Task Force, and the Director of the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency is the Vice-Chairperson. Guam's participation in the festival will be coordinated by the Governor or Governor's designee.
- 3. The official members of the Task Force shall be representatives from the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency, the Guam Visitors Bureau, the Office of the Governor, and the Dipåttamenton i Kaohao Guinahan Chamorro or any of its subdivisions, and also shall represent visual artists, performing artists, and the community at large.

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4. Ex-officio, advisory members of the Task Force may be appointed who shall be representative of Guam's political status, and representatives of Guam's historic, cultural, language, media, medical, and artistic perspectives.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagatña, Guam this 15th day of July, 1999.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'lahen Guåhan Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

MADELEINE Z BORDALLO Segunda na Maga'lahen Guåhan

Lieutenant Governor of Guam